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1. FOLLOWING ISSUANCE ON OR ABOUT APRIL 6 BY NATO
INTERNATIONAL STAFF OF FIRST DRAFT REPORT TO MINISTERS/
SUMMIT ON THE NATO LONG-TERM DEFENSE PLAN, WE EXPECT
CHAIRMAN WILL SET EWG MEETING FOR ABOUT APRIL 13,
WITH ADDITIONAL SESSIONS AS NECESSARY.
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2. WE SEE IT AS PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT FOR US TO
EXCHANGE VIEWS WITH FRG PRIOR TO THE EWG MEETING TO
ACHIEVE GREATER MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING OF OBJECTIVES
AND PROBLEMS ON NEXT STAGE OF LTDP DEVELOPMENT. WITHOUT
CONSULTING FRG, DESIRE EMBASSY AND USNATO VIEW AS TO
WHETHER SUCH A MEETING DESIRABLE.

3. ONE POSSIBILITY WOULD BE FOR AMBASSADOR KOMER TO
BREAK OFF FROM SECDEF NPG PARTY AND ARRIVE BONN MORNING
APRIL 12 FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH SCHNEL, ALTENBURG AND
MOD STAFF APRIL 12 AND MORNING APRIL 13. THIS

KOMER/SCHNEL MEETING WOULD THUS PRECEDE BROWN/APEL
DISCUSSIONS ON LTDP, AND HOPEFULLY MAKE LATTER MORE
PRODUCTIVE.

4. FOR USNATO. IF BONN MEETING IS AGREED, WE WOULD
WISH DEFENSE ADVISOR LEGERE JOIN AMBASSADOR KOMER IN
BONN.

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